

crore and above), February-March, 2000 of the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation is given below:

S. No.	Name of the Project/Sector	Anticipated investment (Rs. in crore)	Likely date of completion
1.	Expansion of Bauxite Mine & Alumina Refinery (Mines)	1664.60	March, 2001
2.	Expansion of capacity of Smelter to CPP (Mines)	2061.98	May, 2002
3.	Talcher STPP ST-II (Power)	7669.64	February, 2006
4.	Lakhanpur OCP (Coal)	221.51	March, 2000
5.	Kalinga Int. Mine-cum-beneficiary project (Coal)	345.96	March, 2000
6.	Daitari-Keonjhar-Banspani (Railways)	594.98	Dec., 2003
7.	Boaro-Kriburu (Railways) (RE)	214.54	March, 2000
8.	Kharagpur-Bhubaneswar (Railways) (RE)	310.19	March, 2002
9.	Lanjigarh-Junagarh (Railways) NL	100.00	NA
10.	Bhubaneswar-Vizag (Railways) (RE)	292.27	March, 2002
11.	Nergundi-Cuttack-Rahunthpur LD (Railways)	118.79	August, 2002
12.	2nd Bridge on Birupa & Mahanadi (Railways)	107.41	NA
13.	Creation of Mechanised Coal Handling facilities (Surface Transport)	831.11	Dec., 2000
14.	4-laning of Bhubaneswar Cuttack-Jagatpur Section (NH-5) (Surface Transport)	266.51	Sept., 2000

Appointment on Compassionate Ground in PNB

245. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules for appointment on compassionate ground in Punjab National Bank, if the dependent of deceased is minor;

(b) whether Government are aware that Punjab National Bank has rejected various applications of compassionate appointment despite prior assurance of giving employment to the minor after attaining the age of eligibility;

(c) if so, the details of disposal of such applications by PNB since 1993; and

(d) the details of action taken/proposed to be taken by Government to ensure the appointment of applicants for their survival particularly to those who have become orphan after the death of employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a), (b) and (d) According to Punjab National Bank the extant rules which are in force w.e.f. 20.3.1997 for appointment of a minor on compassionate grounds in the bank are as under:

"In case the dependent is a minor, his/her case can be considered at the discretion of the bank within four years of the death of the employees to enable him/her to qualify in terms of age, provided that the dependent has made a request to the bank within one year of the death of the employee."

Prior to 20.3.1997 the rules for appointment of a minor on compassionate grounds in the bank were as under:

"in case the member of the family to be offered an appointment is a minor, the competent authority can keep the offer of appointment open till the minor attains the majority, if otherwise eligible, provided a request to that effect is made to the bank within one year from the date of death of the employee."

Punjab National Bank have further reported that they have revised their rules in this regard w.e.f. 20.3.1997 keeping in view the Judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court on compassionate appointments in the case of Shri Umesh Kumar Nagpal Vs. State of Haryana and others (JT 1994(3) SC 525). The relevant extracts from this judgement are as under:

"The compassionate employment cannot be granted after a lapse of reasonable period which must be specified in the rules. The consideration for such employment is not a vested right which can be exercised at any time in future. The object being to enable the family to get over the financial crisis which it faces at the time of the death of the sole bread winner, the compassionate employment cannot be claimed and offered whatever the lapse of time and after the crisis is over."

Punjab National Bank have, thus, processed pending applications for such appointments under their revised rules.

(c) The cases in which the applicants were minor at the time of death of the employee and whose cases have been declined by the bank after they attained majority, are given in the Statement along with the reasons for rejection.

Statement

S. No.	Name of Dependent	Date of death of employee	Date on which the applicant attained majority	Date of decision	Remarks
1	Ms. Renuka D/o S.K. Ahlawadi. Officer, BO: Alik	26.8.92	5.7.97	15.1.98	Declined as waiting period was/is more than 4 years
2	Ms. Punam Dubey. D/o Sh. Chintamani Dubey, Spl. Asstt., BO: Lyons Range, Calcutta	11.2.94	10.8.99	19.2.98	-do-
3	Sweta Tikkoo, D/o, Sh. Chandji Tikkoo, S. Asstt., BO: Canal Road, Jammu	27.6.93	29.10.2001	19.5.97	-do-
4	Sachin Gupta, S/o P.P. Gupta, Manager, HO PF Deptt.	19.8.91	29.11.97	15.1.98	-do-
5	Rahul Kakkar, S/o Smt. Renu Kakkar, C/T, Sector 17C, Chandigarh	1.3.96	15.10.2003	24.9.98	-do-
6	Ms. Laxmi Kumari, D/o Sh. M.S. Gosain, Armed Guard. HO, Security Deptt.	30.8.93	29.6.99	18.10.99	-do-
7	B.B. Goswami, S/o Y. N. Bati, Ex-Peon/Guard BO: Gawan	4.6.87	1998	30.1.99	-do-

Alcoholic Beverages Imported by M/s Seagram

246. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2703 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th April, 2000 and state:

(a) whether Government have since completed the investigations in regard to the valuation of the concentrates of Alcoholic Beverages imported by M/s Seagram;